Delay in Notification of rights to Information Act

2313. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 457 given in Rajya Sabha on 14th July, 2004 and state:

(a) whether Right to Information Act has yet not been implemented;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Apex Court has issued notice to the Centre and the States on the delay in notification of the Act; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction and response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (d) With a view to make the legislation on the 'Right to Information' more progressive, participatory and meaningful, Government has initiated action for a more comprehensive 'Freedom/Right to Information Act'.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Cadre review for Central Secretariat Services

2314. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since completed cadre review for Central Secretariat Services, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether this has actually shortened the time period for promotion of officers to grades of Section Officer, Under Secretary, Deputy Secretary and Director who had been stagnating hithertofore;

(c) the comparative position before and after the cadre review and future projections;

(d) whether the process of filling up the vacancies that have arisen through cadre review is rather slow and causing hardship to the already stagnating officers; and